

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 23, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included harvesting wheat and hay. Most areas of the state have received rain but some areas still need more moisture. Cotton and soybean producers are busy with controlling insects and weeds in fields. Insect pressure is building with some producers spraying fields for boll weevil pin head treatment. Soil moisture is 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	66	33	67	54	1	9	16	61	13
	Dough	18	4	23	14					
Cotton	Squaring	89	79	83	61	0	3	15	66	16
	Setting Bolls	6	--	4	3					
Rice	Heading	1	--	1	1	0	4	13	66	17
Sorghum	Planted	100	100	100	97	0	4	14	50	32
	Emerged	100	99	100	94					
	Heading	23	--	7	6					
Soybeans	Planted	98	96	96	83	1	5	18	61	15
	Emerged	96	94	86	74					
	Blooming	22	16	11	3					
Wheat	Harvested	96	70	90	77	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	99	96	99	--	3	16	33	43	5
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	35	31	43	--					
Peaches	Harvested	48	29	20	36	38	38	20	4	0
Peanuts	Planted	100	100	100	95	0	0	11	60	29
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	64	38	76	79	0	0	7	80	13
Watermelons						0	6	29	47	18
Blueberries						11	40	19	22	8
Cattle						1	7	29	51	12
Pasture						2	13	30	46	9

County Agent Comments

"Rain has missed parts of the county, but most areas have enough moisture. Insect pressure continues to be light. Wheat harvest is over and yields were excellent."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Corn has reached a stage of growth (tasseling) where we could utilize 1 inch of rain per week. Cotton looks good. Some isolated insect pressure is building. First hay cutting is disappointing. Lots of winter injury is found in warm season pasture grasses and hay fields. Sweetpotato planting will be complete in 8-10 days."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"The rains around the county have improved surface moisture conditions for pastures and hay fields. However, subsoil moisture is low and any extended dry conditions this summer will be devastating on grazing and haying."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"Added scattered rains have spurred pasture growth. Hay harvesting is well underway. Dairymen are still battling heat stress in their animals. Cotton is looking good with low weevil counts reported."

— Patrick Poindexter, Pike County

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Weather Summary From June 17, 1996 to June 23, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	94	69	81	80	+2	0.84	+0.10	1	4.94	102	73	85	0.29
Cleveland	95	70	83			0.17		1	3.33				
Tunica	96	66	80	79	+2	0.40	-0.14	1	5.26	97	77	86	
Extreme/Average	96	66	82	79	+2	0.47	-0.17	1	4.51	102	73	85	0.29
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	95	66	80	76	+4	0.19	-0.43	1	10.06	95	75	85	0.25
Memphis	96	70	82	80	+3	2.80	+2.18	1	13.16				
Oxford	97	67	82	78	+5	1.24	+0.69	1	8.10				
Extreme/Average	97	66	81	77	+4	1.41	+0.81	1	10.44	95	75	85	0.25
3. Northeast													
Booneville	94	70	81	76	+5	0.00	-0.75	0	4.26				
Corinth	99	71	84	78	+6	0.00	-0.69	0	6.01				
Iuka	92	64	78			0.00		0	5.78				
Pontotoc	96	69	82	77	+5	0.00	-0.85	0	7.04	98	77	86	0.27
Tupelo	95	71	82	78	+4	0.96	+0.02	2	10.06				
Verona	97	70	83			1.00		2	5.84	95	75	84	0.30
Extreme/Average	99	64	82	77	+4	0.33	-0.48	1	6.50	98	75	85	0.29
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	97	67	83	80	+3	0.06	-0.81	1	8.08	100	86	93	
Greenwood	98	71	84	80	+4	0.02	-0.86	1	2.60				
Rolling Fork	98	71	84			0.05	-1.07	1	2.62	110	86	97	0.24
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	95	71	83	80	+3	0.00	-0.85	0	4.79				
Extreme/Average	98	67	83	80	+4	0.03	-0.90	1	4.52	110	86	95	0.24
5. Central													
Carthage	93	68	81	78	+3	0.10	-0.85	1	4.40				
Jackson	93	70	82	80	+2	1.71	+0.95	2	3.57				
Winona	93	65	78	76	+2	0.39	-0.55	1	2.56				
Extreme/Average	93	65	80	78	+2	0.73	-0.15	1	3.51				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	99	72	86			0.00	-0.97	0	4.06	96	74	87	
Columbus	97	69	82			0.00		0	4.66				
State University	96	68	82	79	+3	1.17	+0.13	2	4.29	104	74	87	
Extreme/Average	99	68	83	79	+5	0.39	-0.62	1	4.34	104	74	87	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	70	82			0.66		1	8.27	96	80	88	
Natchez	90	69	80	80	0	0.31	-0.59	2	5.33				
Oakley	93	71	82			0.06	-1.16	2	7.64	100	77	89	
Vicksburg	91	73	82			0.00		0	5.23				
Extreme/Average	93	69	81	80	+1	0.26	-0.80	1	6.62	100	77	88	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	69	81	80	+1	0.28	-1.08	2	8.18				
McComb	93	53	80	79	+1	0.25	-0.83	2	5.33				
Extreme/Average	93	53	80	79	+1	0.27	-0.95	2	6.76				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	93	68	81			0.87		4	4.78	95	77	82	
Hattiesburg	93	67	80	80	+1	0.23	-0.93	5	3.82				
Laurel													
Meridian	93	68	80	79	+1	0.14	-0.69	2	4.60				
Newton	94	65	81	78	+3	0.17	-0.81	1	4.93	90	74	82	0.21
Extreme/Average	94	65	81	79	+2	0.36	-0.64	3	4.53	95	74	82	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	95	69	81			1.13		4	8.12				
Biloxi	91	73	82			0.43		5	7.70				
Gulfport	90	72	81	81	-1	2.07	+0.85	3	14.00				
Pascagoula	90	68	78	82	-3	3.48	+2.44	2	7.54				
Poplarville	92	69	81	80	+0	1.87	+0.75	5	5.85	93	76	84	0.20
Extreme/Average	95	68	81	81	0	1.80	+0.67	4	8.64	93	76	84	0.20
State	99	53	81	79	+3	0.60	-0.33	2	6.04	110	73	86	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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